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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its fifty-first session at United Nations Headquarters on 10 February and 20 December 2012 and from 6 to 15 February 2013. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.5/2013/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau. At its 1st meeting, on 10 February 2012, in pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:



Chair:

Gyan Chandra Acharya (Nepal)

Vice-Chairs:

Larysa Belskaya (Belarus)

Amira Fahmy (Egypt)

Emma Aparici (Spain)

4. At the same meeting, the Commission postponed the election of the remaining Vice-Chair from the Latin American and Caribbean States.
5. At its 2nd meeting, on 20 December 2012, the Commission was informed that Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya (Nepal) and Ms. Emma Aparici (Spain) had resigned from their positions as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.
6. At the same meeting, the Commission proceeded to elect, by acclamation, Ms. Sewa Lamsal Adhikari (Nepal) as Chair of the Commission and Ms. Julia Thallinger (Austria) and Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) as Vice-Chairs of the Commission.
7. At its 3rd meeting, on 6 February 2013, the Commission designated Vice-Chair Amira Fahmy (Egypt) to also assume the responsibilities of Rapporteur for the session.

D. Agenda and organization of work

8. At its 3rd meeting, on 6 February 2013, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2013/1. The agenda read as follows:
 1. Election of officers.
 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
 3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Priority theme: promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all;
 - (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
 - (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
 - (ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;
 - (iii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
 - (iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
 - (v) Family issues, policies and programmes.
 - (c) Emerging issues: the social dimension in the global development agenda beyond 2015.

4. Programme questions and other matters:
 - (a) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015;
 - (b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-second session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-first session.
9. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its proposed organization of work as set out in document E/CN.5/2013/1, annex I, as orally corrected.

E. Documentation

10. The list of documents before the Commission at its fifty-first session is contained in annex ____ to the present report.
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